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SUBJECT: DRAFT OBJECTIVES AND ISSUES PAPER FOR NATO SUMMIT

1. PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST, MISSION PROVIDES HERewith
A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DRAFTING OF THE OBJECTIVES AND ISSUES
PAPER FOR PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING BOOK FOR THE MAY 29-30 NATO SUMMIT
MEETING. THE TEXT WILL REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT, OF COURSE, IN LIGHT
OF DEVELOPMENTS PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT AND OF CLEARER DEFINITION IN
THE DAYS AHEAD OF MATTERS OF PROCEDURES AND SUBSTANCE. MOREOVER, WE
HAVE NOT ERRED ON THE SIDE OF BREVITY ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
DEPARTMENT WOULD MAKE CUTS IF IT PREFERRED A MORE SYNOPTIC
APPROACH.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

OBJECTIVES AND ISSUES

NATO HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS WILL MEET MAY 29-30
IN BRUSSELS TO REAFFIRM ALLIED SOLIDARITY AND TO REASSERT
THEIR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE WESTERN DEFENSES
WHILE PURSUING EAST-WEST DETENTE AND THE RESOLUTION
OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES CONFRONTING THE WEST.

WHILE FUNDAMENTAL WESTERN SOLIDARITY IS NOT NOW
IN QUESTION, ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC OPINION
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GENERALLY CONTINUE TO REFLECT CONCERNS ABOUT THE EFFECT
ON AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD EUROPE OF EVENTS IN SOUTH-
EAST ASIA. COMPOUNDING THESE CONCERNS IS THE SITUATION
ON EUROPE'S SOUTHERN FLANK, PARTICULARLY IN THE NEAR

EAST. THE ALLIES ARE APPREHENSIVE, TOO, ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS. AS THE PROSPECT NEARS OF CONCLUDING AT SUMMIT LEVEL THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE), OF MOVING CLOSER TO US-USSR AGREEMENT IN SALT-II, AND OF PROGRESSING IN NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS (MBFR), WEST EUROPEANS ARE WEIGHING AS WELL THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT BREZHNEV WILL FADE FROM THE SOVIET SCENE, PERHAPS AFTER THE WORLD CONGRESS OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN 1976, LEAVING UNCLEAR THE FUTURE OF DETENTE IN HIS WAKE.

LESS DOMINANT, BUT DISQUIETING, WILL BE CONCERNS ABOUT EASTERN MILITARY DISPOSITION--ESPECIALLY THE STEADY INCREASE OF SOVIET DEFENSE SPENDING AT A TIME WHEN THE ALLIES FOR THE MOST PART ARE ONLY HOLDING TO PREVIOUS LEVELS OF DEFENSE SPENDING IN REAL TERMS, AND WHEN SOME, LIKE THE UK, ARE BEING FORCED TO ECONOMIZE.

YOUR RECENT STATEMENTS ON THE STEADFASTNESS OF AMERICAN PURPOSE IN THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION AND THE PERSPECTIVE IN WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE PLACED SOUTHEAST ASIAN DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN NOTED CAREFULLY BY THE ALLIES. THEIR RESTRAINED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON EVENTS THERE REFLECT BOTH THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESSURES UPON THE US AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE A PUBLIC POSTURE THAT SUSTAINS CONFIDENCE IN US INTENTIONS.

ABOVE ALL, YOUR COLLEAGUES AT THE SUMMIT GATHERING WILL LOOK TO YOU FOR:

-- AN ASSERTION OF PERSONAL LEADERSHIP;

-- A REAFFIRMATION OF US DEDICATION TO THE ALLIANCE AND ITS DETERRENT AND DEFENSIVE AIMS:

-- AN EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE ESSENTIAL SOUNDNESS, RESILIENCY, AND ADAPTABILITY OF US AND BASIC
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WESTERN POLICIES SINCE WORLD WAR II; AND

-- A STATEMENT OF WHAT YOU EXPECT FROM THE ALLIES.

THEY ALSO WILL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ASSESSMENTS OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE USSR, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. HIGH AMONG THEIR INTERESTS, AS WELL, WILL BE THE AMELIORATION OF THE US AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE DANGERS ATTENDING PERSISTENT INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNRESOLVED ENERGY PROBLEMS SHARED BY ALL ALLIES.

APART FROM THE ASSERTION OF YOUR PERSONAL LEADER-

SHIP IN THE FORMAL NATO MEETINGS AND IN YOUR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, A MAIN RESULT OF THE MEETING IN PUBLIC TERMS WILL BE A STRONG JOINT DECLARATIVE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ALLIES AND STATING THEIR DETERMINATION TO SUSTAIN THE ALLIANCE AND ITS PURPOSES. SUCH A STATEMENT WILL AIM TO LEAVE NO DOUBT THAT, AS NATO ENTERS ITS SECOND QUARTER CENTURY, THE US AND ITS ALLIES ARE EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES OF COMING YEARS AND REINFORCED IN THEIR COMMON PURPOSES BY RECENT EVENTS.

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IN NATO'S DEFENSE SPHERE, US EFFORTS HAVE YIELDED SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS TO DATE IN PREVENTING AN EROSION OF DEFENSE SPENDING DESPITE INFLATION AND INCREASING COSTS FOR MODERN WEAPONS. THE DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING MAY 22-23, A WEEK BEFORE THE SUMMIT, IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE INCLUDING A LONG RANGE DEFENSE PLANNING CONCEPT THAT STRESSES THE NEED FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING RATIONALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS, STANDARDIZATION OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS, AND FLEXIBILITY IN USE OF FORCES. THE NEW GUIDNCE WILL EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR STRONG CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE NECESSITY FOR SHARPER DEFINITION OF PRIORITIES FOR NATO FORCE IMPROVEMENTS. MINISTERS' DECISIONS WILL THUS PROVIDE A BASIS FOR REAFFIRMATION AT THE SUMMIT OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE ALLIED DEFENSE OVER THE LONG-TERM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS AS A MEANS OF CONSERVING RESOURCES.

IMPORTANT ALLIED POLITICAL CONCERNS AT THE SUMMIT WILL BE DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND THOSE RELATED TO GREECE AND TURKEY. WITH THE PORTUGUESE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS CONCLUDED, MOST ALLIES WILL INCLINE TO TAKE A RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF TRENDS THERE AND WILL BE SEEKING FROM THE US VIEWS ON WAYS NOT ONLY TO LIVE WITH THE EVOLVING PORTUGUESE POWER STRUCTURE

BUT TO SUSTAIN PORTUGAL'S ASSOCIATION WITH NATO. OF
CONTINUING CONCERN, HOWEVER, WILL BE THREATS IN PORTUGAL
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AND ELSEWHERE FROM COMMUNIST MINORITIES.

ALLIED LEADERS WILL ATTACH IMPORTANCE ALSO TO
US VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR A RESOLUTION ON CYRUS, THE
KEY TO A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS:

-- GREECE'S CONTINUED ASSOCIATION WITH NATO'S
INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE, FROM WHICH GREECE ANNOUNCED
ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW ALMOST A YEAR AGO; AND

--THE ISSUE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
TURKEY, WHOSE RESTRAINT IN THE FACE OF THE US AID CUT-OFF
HELPED IN SEEKING ALTERNATE SUPPORT FROM OTHER ALLIES.
IN THIS CONNECTION, PROGRESS IN US-GREEK NEGOTIATIONS
HAS ENCOURAGED OTHER ALLIES TO ANTICIPATE SIMILARLY
SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN TALKS ON GREECE-NATO MILITARY
RELATIONS.

ENERGY ISSUES AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE CLOSELY LINKED
IN WEST EUROPEAN PREOCCUPATIONS AND THE FAILURE IN APRIL
OF THE PREPARATORY PRODUCER-CONSUMER MEETINGS, COMBINED
WITH UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT NEXT STEPS IN THE QUEST FOR
PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST, HAVE ENHANCED ALLIED AWARENESS
OF THE ESSENTIALITY OF EFFECTIVE CONSUMER COOPERATION,
THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ARAB-ISREAL CONFRONTATION, AND
HENCE THE CENTRALITY OF US LEADERSHIP IN THESE AREAS.
ALLIED LEADERS WILL EXPECT YOUR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT
OF THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR EAST AND PAY CAREFUL
ATTENTION TO YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON ENERGY POLICY,
AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MINISTERS
AT THE MAY 27 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) MEETING
IN PARIS.

WITH THE CONCLUSION OF CSCE IN EARLY PROSPECT,
THE ALLIES WILL EXPECT YOUR VIEWS ON PROGRESS IN THE
TALKS AND PLANS FOR THE SUMMIT FINALE. HOWEVER, WHILE
REASSURED BY THE US INTENTION TO AVOID ADDRESSING NON-
CENTRAL SYSTEMS IN SALT II, THE ALLIES WILL ALSO SEEK
AN APPRECIATION OF PROGRESS IN SALT II, ESPECIALLY AS
IT PROMISES TO IMPACT ON EUROPE'S DEFENSE AND AUGUR
FURTHER PROGRESS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS GENERALLY. THE
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ALLIES WILL WELCOME AS WELL FURTHER US VIEWS ON PROSPECTS
FOR MBFR, PARTICULARLY THE EFFECT OF INTRODUCING AN
OFFER OF US NUCLEAR SYSTEMS REDUCTIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR

SOVIET TANKS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A COMMON CEILING THROUGH REDUCTIONS INVOLVING INITIALLY US AND SOVIET FORCES AND THEREAFTER THE FORCES OF OTHERS ENGAGED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HAVE PROGRESSED SLOWLY. FURTHER THEY WILL WELCOME ANY INFORMATION YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ON PLANS FOR A PERSONAL MEETING THIS YEAR BETWEEN YOU AND BREZHNEV.

MEANWHILE, ALLIED LEADERS' ATTITUDES TOWARD THE ALLIANCE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CONTINUING FRUSTRATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) IN EFFORTS TO PROGRESS TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION BY 1980. THE UK COMMITMENT TO THE EC HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO QUESTION IN THE REFERENDUM SCHEDULED FOR JUNE, AND THIS WILL WEIGH HEAVILY UPON PRIME MINISTER WILSON AS HE APPROACHES THE SUMMIT. IN ADDITION, PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING HAS SUFFERED A SHARP PERSONAL POLITICAL REVERSE AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE OF THE ENERGY PRODUCER-CONSUMER PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. FRANCE, MOREOVER, CONTINUES TO BE CHALLENGED FOR DOMINANCE IN THE EC BY THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF THE FRG AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S RESILIENT LEADERSHIP OF THAT COUNTRY.

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THE UNEASY FUTURE OF SPAIN LOOMS LARGE IN ALLIED THINKING, WHERE RECENT US EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPAIN AND WESTERN EUROPE HAVE FACED SERIOUS OPPOSITION FROM MANY EUROPEANS AND THE CANADIANS, A RESULT OF STRONG ANTAGONISM TOWARD FRANCO'S REGIME. CONCERNS PERSIST, TOO, ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR YUGOSLAVIA AFTER TITO.

CURRENT DIVISIONS AND CONFLICTS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, EXEMPLIFIED BY UNRESOLVED ISSUES OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, ARE OUTWEIGHED HOWEVER BY:

--THE FUNDAMENTAL CONFIDENCE OF OUR ALLIES

IN US RELIABILITY AS A PARTNER IN WESTERN DEFENSE;

-- A GENERAL SENSE OF EUROPEAN SATISFACTION
AT THE APPARENT US REORDERING OF INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES
CONSONANT WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF US RELATIONS WITH OUR
KEY ALLIES;

- ALLIED RECOGNITION OF WORLDWIDE INTER-
DEPENDENCE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH
REGARD TO ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS;

--THE REALISTIC AND PATIENT APPROACH OF OUR
ALLIES TO EAST-WEST RELATIONS, ENTAILING RECOGNITION
OF THE LIMITS ON SOVIET FLEXIBILITY, READINESS TO PROGRESS
WHERE POSSIBLE AND EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE UNWARRANTED
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PUBLIC EUPHORIA;

-- RECOGNITION THAT CURRENT DIVISIONS IN
THE ALLIANCE INVOLVING PORTUGAL, GREECE AND TURKEY MAY
BE HEALED BY CONCERNED APPROACHES REFLECTING TOLERANCE
AND THE SENSE OF SHARED AIMS;

--READINESS BY ALL, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF
THE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, TO SUSTAIN A REASONABLE
DEFENSE EFFORT, WITH ENHANCED EMPHASIS ON MORE EFFECTIVE
CONVENTIONAL FORCES;

--ALLIED CONFIDENCE IN US EFFORTS
TO PURSUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST.

YOUR COLLEAGUES THUS WILL LOOK TO YOU TO PROVIDE,
IN YOUR INTERVENTIONS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
AND IN YOUR BILATERAL AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS, A PERSPECTIVE
ON THE CURRENT WORLD SCENE, A REASSERTION OF AMERICAN
PURPOSE AND A SENSE OF SHARED CONFIDENCE IN THE EFFICACY
OF THE ALLIANCE. SPECIFICALLY, YOUR PARTICIPATION IN
THE NATO MEETING AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS WILL OFFER
YOU OCCASION TO:

-- EXPRESS YOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE
ALLIANCE;

-- REAFFIRM THE US INTENT TO CONSULT ITS ALLIES
ON ISSUES INVOLVING THEIR INTERESTS;

--SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION
IN ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROGRAMS IN WHICH ALL DO THEIR SHARE;

-- UNDERSCORE THE US COMMITMENT TO EAST-WEST
DETENTE, AND PARTICULARLY YOUR READINESS TO PARTICIPATE

IN THE FINAL STAGE OF CSCE PROVIDED THE RESULTS OF STAGE
II WARRANT, AND THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE YOU ATTACH
TO SUCCESS IN SALT II AND TO PROGRESS IN MBFR;

--REASSURE THE ALLIES OF US INTENT TO
REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT OF PEACE EFFORTS IN THE NEAR
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EAST;

-- STATE THAT THE CLOSING OF A CHAPTER OF
AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HERALDS NO
CHANGE IN OUR FUNDAMENTAL INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS;

-- REASSERT THE IMPORTANCE OF DEALING WITH
CRITICAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ESPECIALLY THE ENERGY
SITUATION IN THE CONTEXT OF FURTHER EFFORTS BY THE
INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) AND THE OECD, WHICH
WILL HAVE MET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, WITH SECRETARY
KISSINGER PRESENT, JUST BEFORE THE NATO SUMMIT GATHERING;

--INDICATE THE NEED FOR A STRONG PUBLIC
DECLARATION FROM THE SUMMIT AS A MEANS OF REASSURING
ALLIED PUBLIC OPINION AND ASSERTING ALLIED PURPOSES
TO WORLD OPINION, WHILE TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE REAL PROBLEMS
THAT EXIST.

THE NATO SUMMIT FORMAT AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS:

(FOLLOWING IS BASED ON CURRENT GUIDANCE AND SHOULD BE
ADJUSTED, OF COURSE, IN LIGHT OF CONSENSUS THAT
EMERGES ON FORMAT.)

PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT GATHERING ITSELF ON MAY 29-30,
ALLIED DEFENSE MINISTERS WILL HAVE MET MAY 22-23.
(IF APPROPRIATE: MOREOVER, THE FRG, UK, FRENCH AND US
FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL HAVE MET MAY 28 ON THE EVE OF
THE SUMMIT FOR THE TRADITIONAL QUADRIPARTITE DINNER
TO ADDRESS MATTERS RELATED TO BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A
WHOLE AND TO REVIEW A FORMULATION ON THESE ISSUES FOR
THE NATO SUMMIT DECLARATION.)

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ALL ALLIES EXCEPT FRANCE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT LEAST AT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL. AS THE SENIOR CHIEF OF STATE, YOU WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL PRESENT. THE ONLY OTHER CHIEF OF STATE WILL BE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMEZ OF PORTUGAL, WHO PLANS TO ATTEND INSTEAD OF HIS PRIME MINISTER. THE FRENCH DECISION TO BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES POSSIBLY MAY BE EXPLAINED IN TERMS OF S FRENCH DESIRE TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF A RETREAT FROM GAULLIST OPPOSITION TO NATO. THUS, THE 15 ALLIED DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE HEADED BY TWO CHIEFS OF STATE, 12 PRIME MINISTERS AND ONE FOREIGN MINISTER. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS,, A WARM FRIEND OF THE US, WILL BE IN THE CHAIR.

HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS WILL MEET INITIALLY IN A BRIEF FORMAL PUBLIC SESSION AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BRUSSELS FOR REMARKS BY (SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS, BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS REPRESENTING THE HOST BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARESMANLIS AS HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL). THEREAFTER, THE PRINCIPALS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND ONE (OR TWO) SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS WILL MEET IN RESTRICTED SESSION FOCUSING ON THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

ATTENDEES WILL REGARD YOUR REMARKS AS CENTRAL, BOTH IN SETTING THE STAGE FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE TOPICS AND IN ESTABLISHING EARLY THE CONCLUSIONS WE SEEK FROM
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THE MEETING. LUNS HAS CONFIRMED THAT THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMIT ON YOUR REMARKS, AND YOU CAN EXPECT YOUR COLLEAGUES TO TAILOR THEIR REMARKS TO YOURS, TAKING YOUR CUE ON ISSUES TO BE STRESSED. LUNS WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE THE FLOOR INITIALLY TO YOU ON EACH OF THE TWO AGENDA TOPICS, AND ALSO WILL ASSIST YOU BY STRESSING IN HIS OPENING REMARKS THE ISSUES AND THEMES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE US.

THE PRESS WILL SEEK TO BE INFORMED OF THE TENOR AND TOPICS OF DISCUSSION, AND APPROPRIATE PRESS BRIEFING WILL NEED TO BE HELD FOLLOWING EACH OF THE COUNCIL SESSION. IN RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED PRESS INQUIRIES, YOU MAY WISH TO ASSURE THAT YOUR VIEWS REACH THE WIDEST

AUDIENCE BY HOLDING AN OPEN, ON-THE-RECORD PRESS
CONFERENCE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION
OF THE NATO MEETINGS.

BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR THE
AFTERNOON (MORNING) OF MAY 29, AND WE EXPECT SIGNIFICANT
PRESS INTEREST PARTICULARLY IN YOUR MEETINGS WITH YOUR
GREEK, TURKISH AND PORTUGUESE COLLEAGUES, AS WELL AS
WITH LEADERS OF MAJOR ALLIED COUNTRIES.

THE DINNER GIVEN MAY 29 BY THE BELGIAN KING AND
OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS WILL OFFER ADDITIONAL OCCASIONS FOR
INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEW. YOU MAY EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL
PRESS COVERAGE OF THE KING'S DINNER TO WHICH THE BELGIANS
ATTACH CONSIDERABLE CEREMONIAL IMPORTANCE.

WITH REGARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL AND POSSIBLE DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS, YOU WILL WANT TO STRESS ALLIANCE THEMES, BUT
ALSO YOU WILL WANT TO RECOGNIZE BELGIAM'S ROLE AS HOST
NOT ONLY TO NATO BUT ALSO THE EC AND ITS HISTORICALLY
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE US.

APART FROM PUBLIC ARRIVAL AND POSSIBLE DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS, YOUR PRIVILEGED INTERVENTIONS IN THE COUNCIL
AND A POSSIBLE PRESS CONFERENCE, NO OTHER STATEMENTS
ARE EXPECTED OF YOU.

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THE AGENDA

"THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE" AND "EAST-WEST RELATIONS",
THE TWO SPECIFIC COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS, ARE OMNIBUS HEADINGS
DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON THE FOLLOWING
KEY CONCERNS;

-- THE IMPACT ON THE ALLIANCE OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ENERGY QUESTIONS;

--CURRENT ALLIED DEFENSE EFFORTS;

--INTER-ALLIED RELATIONS (THOUGH DISCUSSIONS OF
THE DOMESTIC SITUATIONS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES TRADITIONALLY
ARE DISCOURAGED AND THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE AND
PORTUGUESE SITUATIONS COULD LEAD TO ACRIMONIOUS EXCHANGES
IF RAISED IN THE COUNCIL);

--THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

-- CSCE

-- ARMS CONTROL ISSUES, SUCH AS SALT AND MBFR.

THESE TOPICS ARE, OF COURSE, ILLUSTRATIVE AND PRINCIPALS ARE FREE TO RAISE ANY TOPICS IN THEIR INTERVENTIONS. NONE WILL BE SURPRISED, THEREFORE, IF YOU ADDRESS THE SITUATION IN ASIA. ADDITIONALLY, PRINCIPALS WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE (DECLARATION) PREPARED JOINTLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL DELEGATIONS.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

(THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUMMARIZE HERE THE KEY POINTS TO BE MADE IN INTERVENTIONS ON EACH OF THE AGENDA TOPICS.)

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